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Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I'm writing to request copies of transcripts of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lin's Sept. 11 and 12, 2015, interrogation by agents investigating him for possible espionage; translated transcripts of Lin's conversations with FBI Undercover agent known to him as Katherine Wu; and emails between Lin and his associate Janice Chen.

It is my understanding that some small portion of the above documents are classified. As such I request a classification review to determine whether such information should indeed be classified and, if the classification is upheld, I request you redact only that information that is classified with an eye to maximum transparency.

Lin has plead guilty to a number of charges and the convening authority has accepted that plea. I see no compelling reason why these documents should continue to be withheld from the public and, indeed, believe that continued withholding of these documents would raise questions about Fleet Forces Command's commitment to abiding by the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act.

I request expedited processing as I am a journalist who is primarily engaged in disseminating information and my request concerns a matter of compelling need on a breaking story of interest to the general public. The Lin trial has been the subject of intense public scrutiny, creating a compelling need to provide the public with timely and accurate information.

This information is being sought on behalf of Navy Times for dissemination to the general public. I am gathering this information because of public interest regarding Navy leaders.

I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. My preference is to receive corresponding records in an electronic format via email to [dlarter@navytimes.com](mailto:dlarter@navytimes.com).

As members of the news media and publishers of the primary news publication serving the men and women of the U.S. military, we at Sightline Media Group consider this information to have significant public interest and therefore request that you waive the processing fees. If not waived, I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$20. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me prior to incurring the expense.

As provided by the open records law, I will expect your response within (10) business days, as the statute requires for expedited requests.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material, as required.

Please contact me by email [dlarter@navytimes.com](mailto:dlarter@navytimes.com) or telephone (215)868-9961 if I can clarify or expedite this request. Thanks for your help!

Sincerely,

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